

2010 YMCA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

In a series of weekend and evening trials between February 27 and March 8, 2010 the 21st annual YMCA High School Mock Trial Competition was sponsored by the King County Superior Court. The event was a district level competition leading up to the state championships to be held in Olympia March 26-28.

This year's fictional case involved an arson prosecution arising from the intentional torching of the Urban Horticulture Building at Washington A & M University. Besides learning about the legal system and discovering their own talents, the case provided an opportunity for students to wrestle with questions of whether ecoterrorism can ever be justified, whether industry funding can compromise the academic mission of a big university, whether genetically engineered fir trees are a good idea or a bad idea and why the Turks and Armenians can't get along.

The High School Mock Trials are a program of YMCA Youth & Government. Besides the YMCA, the program receives support from various lawyers and judges associations and is also dependent on hundreds of volunteer hours. The trials were presided over by King County Superior Court Judges **Bruce Hilyer, Carol Schapira, Michael Heavey, Mary Roberts, Dean Lum, Chris Washington, Jeff Ramsdell, Catherine Shaffer, Jim Rogers, Tim Bradshaw, Bruce Heller and Steve Gonzalez** and retired Superior Court Judges **Donald Haley, Anthony Wartnik and Doug McBroom**, Superior Court Commissioner **Jackie Jeske**, King County District Court Judge **Eileen Kato**, Black Diamond Municipal Court Judge **Steve Rosen**, Federal Way Municipal Court Judge **Rebecca Robertson** and United States District Court Judge **Ricardo Martinez**.

In addition to the twenty-one judges, the trial performances were rated by sixty-two volunteer lawyers who gave generously of their time and talents. Championship round scorers were United States Attorney Mark Bartlett, defense counsel Neil Fox, UW Law School Professor Maureen Howard and King County Bar Association President James Andrus.

The popular and growing event ran smoothly thanks to the administrative help of Ricki Reese, Cameron Reese, Debra Bailey Trail, Loyce Weishaar, Stevie Craig, Janet Llapitan, Melissa Ehlers, Carmen Wong, Brian Wynne, Sgt. Greg Meyer, Kirby Pierce, Judge Dave Larson, Mackenzie Bruce and Anna Downing.

As always, each one of the hundreds of student participants went home a winner with all that was learned about the rules of society and about his or her own abilities. Congratulations to all!

This year's King County Champion is Seattle Prep. They, along with teams from Franklin, Garfield, Eastside Catholic, University Prep and the International School, will all advance to the State Competition.

Here are the final official results of the competition:

| TEAM | WINS | BALLOTS | POINTS |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Seattle Prep – A | 5 | 16 | |
| 2. University Prep – D | 4 | 12 | |
| 3. Seattle Prep – B | 3 | 10 | 2070 |
| 4. Eastside Catholic -- P | 3 | 9 | 1950 |
| 5. Franklin – K | 3 | 8 | 1946 |
| 6. Int'l. Comm. School – N | 2 | 7 | 1812 |
| 7. Franklin – L | 2 | 5 | 1775 |
| 8. Garfield – T | 2 | 4 | 1685 |
| 9. Seattle Academy -- R | 1 | 3 | 1012 |
| 10. Int'l. Comm. School – M | 1 | 3 | 988 |
| 11. Seattle Prep – C | 1 | 3 | 966 |
| 12. Nathan Hale – H | 1 | 3 | 951 |
| 13. Jefferson Comm. Ctr. – U | 1 | 3 | 872 |
| 14. Chief Sealth – I | 1 | 3 | 822 |
| 15. University Prep – E | 1 | 2 | 966 |
| 16. Nathan Hale – G | 0 | 1 | 971 |
| 17. Kent Meridian - S | 0 | 1 | 821 |
| 18. Chief Sealth – J | 0 | 1 | 810 |
| 19. University Prep – F | 0 | 0 | 876 |
| 20. Kentwood – O | 0 | 0 | 841 |
| 21. Roosevelt – Q | 0 | 0 | 827 |
| 22. Kentlake – V | 0 | 0 | 799 |

In the championship round, these special awards were given out:

Outstanding Witness: Jenny Singer (University Prep)

Outstanding Attorney: Emily Albi (Seattle Prep)

In the earlier rounds, the following students also received special recognition:

Outstanding Attorneys:

Chief Seal: Janyssa Cox-Keister, Molly Freed, Sean Keller

Eastside Catholic: Jonathan Callans, Tennley Noble, Michael Orehek,
Mackenzie Roberts

Franklin High School: Marie Angeles, Mary Jane Bermudez, Shannon Hughes,
Kristin Jensvold-Rumage, Njeri Mburu, Maddeleine Smither

Garfield High School: Max Kee, Jackie Montarbo, Nikki Schmoeller, Summer Than

International Community School: Abby Burlingame, Henry Piaskowski, Atalia Schlafer

Jefferson Comm. Center: Sam Lai, Alexander Lam

Kentlake High School: Jan Tabaczynski

Kent Meridian High School: Brandon Ellington, Nadia Kassa

Kentwood High School: Eliana Spero

Nathan Hale High School: Reid deLaubenfels, Callie Logan, Nellie Trenga-Schein

Roosevelt High: Zach Ellenbogen

Seattle Academy: Alex Brewer, Rachel Liddell

Seattle Prep: Emily Albi, Hailey Carlson, Alexandra Dullea, Scott Ferron, Nora Gentser,
Patricia Laramore, Matther MacVicar, Christina Payne, Michael Rochford, Nicole Zunick

University Prep: Nitika Arora, Denzel Belin, Brittany Carroll-Watts, Kaustubh Deo,
Rachel Funk, Matt Higgins, Priyanka Jain, Colin Rice, Atul Vaidyanathan

Outstanding Witnesses:

Chief Seal: Rachel Cermak, Jan Nicholas

Eastside Catholic: Griffin Devlin, Michael Orehek, Mackenzie Roberts, Jesse Walsh

Franklin High School: Marie Angeles, Nicollette, Ford, Terae Grant, Mia Robertson, Ayesha Salayman

Garfield High School: Gus Glover, Max Kee, Alex McLean

International Community School: Megan Dingman, Jonah Friedl, Lucas Inn, Jessica Jin, Zach Schucklin, George Stearn, Ioana Ungureanasu, Leon Zhang

Jefferson Comm. Center: Cindy Liu, Cato Savannah

Kentlake High School: Karlyn Nourse, Courtney Weiss

Kent Meridian High School: Zane Duke

Kentwood High School: Brooke Blozis

Nathan Hale High School: Taylor Britton, Adrian Lott, Jake Vandervloed, Ellie Zuckerman

Roosevelt High: Anna Jansen, Bria Kohlberg, Elizabeth Nellams

Seattle Academy: Sarah Guinee, Elif Koc, Alan Swanson

Seattle Prep: Gabrielle Bird-Vogel, Kevin Bocek, Gavin Boileau, Stephanie Comstock, Zachary Dammel, Catherine Finnerty, Andrew Frazier, William Gillis, Matthew Herring, Shannon McRae, Alexander Sadigh, Sofia Smith

University Prep: Mia Dulude, Sam Friedlander, Clayton Moore, Jen Reeve, Jenny Singer

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